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Mail Stop Divisional Application

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR 1.53(b) are the specification and claims of the nonprovisional patent application of:

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IMAGE FORMING AND BINDING SYSTEM AND METHOD
Title of Invention

APPLICATION ELEMENTS ENCLOSED:

1. X Specification (total pages 82) including:
 - a. 24 pages of claims (35 claims)
 - b. 1 page Abstract
2. X 25 sheets of informal X formal drawings (Figs. 1-18E)
3. X Oath or declaration of Applicants (3 total pages)
 - a. X Newly executed (original or copy)
 - b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Item 14 completed)
4. Deletion of Inventor(s)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)
5. X Incorporation By Reference
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied in item 3b is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
6. Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

APPLICATION PARTS ENCLOSED:

7. An assignment (cover sheet & document(s))
8. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (*when there is an assignee*)
9. X Power of Attorney
 - a. Newly executed (original or copy)
 - b. X Copy from a prior application

10. X Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449

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11. X A Preliminary Amendment

12. X Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)

13. ____ A small entity statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27

____ Statement filed in prior application, status still proper and desired

14. X If a Continuing Application, *check the appropriate box and supply the requisite information:*

☐ Continuation of prior application No.: _____ filed _____

☒ Divisional of prior application No.: 10/183,085 filed June 27, 2002

☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.: _____ filed _____

15. X Amend the specification by inserting before the first line of page one: --This is a ____ continuation

X divisional of application Serial No. 10/183,085 filed June 27, 2002--

16. X Priority of application No(s). 2001-292801 filed in Japan on September 26, 2001. Applicant hereby claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

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17. ____ Other (identify) _____

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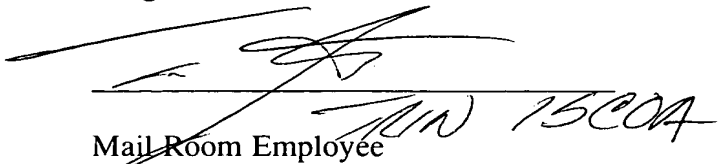
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I hereby certify that the above-identified application which is a Rule 1.53(b) divisional of S.N. 10/183,085 filed 06-27-02, consisting of a 3-page continuation application (in triplicate), copy of parent application S.N. 10/183,085 filed 06-27-02, copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney in the parent application, 25 sheets of formal drawings, Preliminary Amendment, Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 and check for \$385 filing fee, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231.


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